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- Over the years, IFFCO has expanded its business to include other agricultural products such as seeds, agricultural chemicals and agricultural machinery.
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- Co-location of Nursing Colleges with existing Medical Colleges will allow **optimum utilisation of existing infrastructure, skill laboratories, clinical facilities and faculty.**
- The initiative aims to **address the geographical and rural-urban imbalance in the healthcare sector** and will help in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The government plans to **complete the project within the next two years** and has laid out detailed timelines for each phase of planning and execution.
- The **Empowered Committee** will monitor the progress of the work.
- The services of Indian nurses are recognized abroad, and it is important to bring Indian nursing education at par with global standards to facilitate their mobility and better job opportunities.

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### **9. Indian Coast Guard conducts Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' ( April 27, 2023 )**

**Coast Guard District Headquarters Haldia**, under the aegis of **Headquarters Coast Guard Region (NE)** conducted the joint Coastal Security **Exercise named "Sagar Kavach"**, from **25-26 April 23 along the coast of West Bengal.**

#### **An overview of the news**

- The stakeholders who participated in the exercise alongwith Indian Coast Guard included **Indian Navy, BSF, Marine Police, West Bengal Police, CISF, Forest Dept., Fisheries Dept., Customs, Haldia Dock Complex, MMD** and various intelligence agencies.
- **Coast Guard, Indian Navy ships and aircraft, BSF patrol boats, Marine Police, Customs and CISF** were deployed in the two-day exercise.
- The efficacy of men and materials was tested for vigilance in preventing any intrusion into our coastal areas.

#### **Purpose of the Exercise**

- To assess maritime threats in the current **geo-political situation and validate existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** of all stakeholders.
- Strengthening of security system along the **coast of West Bengal**.
- To examine the effectiveness of layered security arrangements such as **air-surveillance, deep sea patrolling by large ships of the Coast Guard and Navy and patrolling by boats of Coast Guard air cushion ships, Marine Police, CISF, Customs and BSF**.

## **10. Australia to host third in-person Quad summit ( April 26, 2023 )**

**Australia** will host the **third in-person Quad summit in Sydney on 24 May**.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The Quad Summit will be attended by the leaders of the four member countries – **US President Joe Biden, Japanese PM Fumio Kishida, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese**.
- The Quad summit is a meeting between the leaders of four countries: **the United States, Japan, India, and Australia**.
- The Quad was **first established as a strategic dialogue in 2007**, but remained **dormant for several years until it was revived in 2017**.
- The Quad Summit, to be held in **Washington DC in September 2021**, was the **first in-person meeting of the Quad leaders**.
- The agenda of the Quad summit focused on four key areas: **COVID-19 vaccine delivery, climate change, critical and emerging technologies and regional security**.
- The Quad leaders announced a new initiative **to boost COVID-19 vaccine production in India** with a target of distributing **one billion doses to the Asia-Pacific region by the end of 2022**.
- On the subject of climate change, the Quad leaders pledged to work together **to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050**.

### **About Australia**

It is a **sovereign country located in the Southern Hemisphere** and is **geographically isolated** from the rest of the world.

Capital - **Canberra**

Government - **federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy**

Emperor - **Charles III**

Governor-General - **David Hurley**

Prime Minister - **Anthony Albanese**